REMARKS:

Claims 1 - 12 are currently being amended to fix grammatical errors, and to conform to U.S. practice. Claims 3, 4, 6 - 10, and currently in multiple dependent formats in the above 12 captioned pending application. The amendments to claims 3, 4, 6 are being made to the multiple directly remove 12 dependencies found in each claim, and to conform to U.S. practice. These amendments do not introduce new matter within the meaning of Accordingly, entry of the amendments prior to 35 U.S.C. §132. examination is respectfully requested.

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ATTACHMENT A

- 1. (currently amended) A process for starting-up an olefin gas-phase fluidized-bed in a polymerization reaction reactor using a catalyst comprising a metallocene produce a polyolefin having a melt flow rate of less than 4 g/10 min at 2.16 kg and a temperature of 190°C accordance with ISO 1133 of less than 4 g/10 min, wherein [[a]] said polyolefin having produced has an increased melt above 4 q/10 min is produced rate of transitional period during a start-up phase wherein said start-up phase has a duration of 30 minutes to 30 hours and said process is performed at a reaction temperature having a duration of from 30 minutes to 30 hours, in particular from 2 hours to 20 hours.
- 2. (currently amended) [[A]] The process as claimed in of claim 1, wherein the start-up phase has a duration of from 30 minutes to 30 hours, in particular from 2 hours to 20 hours.
- 3. (currently amended) [[A]] The process as claimed in either of the preceding claims of claim 1, wherein the melt flow rate of the polyolefin during the start-up phase is initially above 4.5 g/10 min and is continually decreased during the start-up phase to the melt flow rate of less than 4 g/10 min the value below 4 g/10 min.
- 4. (currently amended) The process as claimed in any of the preceding claims of claim 1, wherein the reaction temperature is increased prior to the start-up phase by at

least 1°C compared in comparison to the reaction temperature used in a long-term operation, at least prior to the start up phase.

- 5. (currently amended) [[A]] The process as claimed in of claim 4, wherein the reaction temperature is increased by from 1.5 to 4°C in comparison to the reaction temperature used in a long-term operation prior to the start-up phase.
- 6. (currently amended) [[A]] <u>The</u> process as claimed in claim 4 or 5, wherein the <u>reaction</u> temperature during <u>the</u> long-term operation of the reactor is in a range bounded by an upper limit given by equation I

$$T_{RH} = 170 + \frac{6d'}{0.84 - d'} \tag{I}$$

and a lower limit given by equation II

$$T_{RN} = 173 + \frac{7.3d'}{0.837 - d'} \tag{II}$$

where wherein, the variables have the following meanings:

 T_{RH} is a maximum reaction temperature in °C

 T_{RN} is a minimum reaction temperature in °C

- d' <u>is a</u> value of <u>the a</u> density [[d]] of the polymer to be produced.
- 7. (currently amended) [[A]] The process as claimed in any of the preceding claims of claim 1, wherein the melt flow rate is regulated via the by hydrogen concentration in the reactor.
- 8. (currently amended) [[A]] The process as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6 of claim 1, wherein the melt flow rate is

regulated $\frac{1}{2}$ with $\frac{1}{2}$ monomer partial pressure in the reactor.

- 9. (currently amended) [[A]] The process as claimed in any of the preceding claims of claim 1, wherein the polyolefin is a homopolymer or copolymer of ethylene.
- 10. (Cancelled).
- 11. (currently amended) [[A]] The process as claimed in claim [[8]] 1, wherein the metallocene is selected from bis(1-methyl-3-butylcyclopentadienyl)zirconium dichloride or bisindenylzirconium dichloride.
- 12. (currently amended) [[A]] The process as claimed in any of the preceding claims of claim 1, wherein an alkylaluminoxane is used as an activating compound.